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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: FINAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. MR. HUNTER, REPRESENTING PARENTS, MET WITH PRP EMISSARIES AFTERNOON JUNE 22. PROFESSOR HAMBURG, EMBOFF MACDOUGALL AND MYSELF WERE PRESENT. HUNTER OFFERED PRP 120,000 POUNDS AS HIGHEST AMOUNT PARENTS COULD RAISE BY ALL MEANS, AND ASKED NONDO TO CONSIDER IT AND MEET WITH HIM LATER. NONDO SAID NO NEED TO WAIT; HE WAS AUTHORIZED BY HIS PARTY TO ACCEPT 200,000 POUNDS BUT HAD NO AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT. HE ADAMANTLY REJECTED ALL APPEALS TO HUMANITY, ON GROUNDS HE SIMPLY HAD NO POWER TO MODIFY THE DEMAND. SAID HE COULD ONLY TRANSMIT PARENTS' OFFER TO HIS HEADQUARTERS, PRESENT THE PARENTS' CASE TO THE PARTY LEADERS, AND RETURN WITH THEIR DECISION.

2. WE THEN DISCUSSED MODALITIES OF GETTING EMISSARIES BACK, SUGGESTING AIR CHARTER PLANE ON MONDAY MORNING TO TAKE EMISSARIES TO KIGOMA, WHERE BOAT COULD TAKE PRP EMISSARIES TO OTHER SIDE TO PRESENT THEIR REPORT SO PRP COULD DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE  
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120,000 POUNDS PARENTS HAD RAISED. MONEY WOULD BE SENT SEPARATELY

AND WOULD BE KEPT AT KIGOMA, AND IF PARTY AGREED TO ACCEPT IT, BOAT COULD BRING HIM AND STUDENTS BACK TO SOME AGREED ON SAFE AREA NEAR KIGOMA FOR THE EXCHANGE. WE ASSURED NONDO WE WOULD ARRANGE GUARANTEE OF SECURITY FOR FLIGHT AND AT KIGOMA, AND WOULD ALSO OBTAIN FROM TANGOV RESPONSE TO PRP'S DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF PRP PRISONERS. NONDO WAS INSISTENT THAT HE HAVE RESPONSE OF TANGOV ON THIS TO INCLUDE IN HIS REPORT, SAYING THAT IF TANGOV REFUSED, WELL THAT WAS THAT, BUT IF THEY GAVE SOME HOPE THEN HIS PEOPLE COULD EXPECT TO SEE THEIR COLLEAGUES AGAIN. HE ALSO REITERATED REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPH OF AMICABLE SESSIONS TO INCLUDE IN HIS REPORT (WE AGREED TO ARRANGE THIS MONDAY MORNING).

3. NONDO AGREED TO OUR PROPOSAL, BUT ADDED THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE NECESSARY TO HAVE PATIENCE, BECAUSE IT WAS A LONG MARCH TO HEADQUARTERS WHERE THE PARTY LEADERS WERE ASSEMBLED, AND IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST 18 DAYS TO SEND HIS REPORT AND RECEIVE A REPLY.

4. WE THEN INQUIRED, THEORETICALLY, WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO SEND REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS HAD PARENTS BEEN ABLE TO RAISE FULL SUM. HE SAID NO -- HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE STUDENTS, WHO LOCATED NEAR EDGE OF LAKE, ON RECEIPT OF THE FULL SUM DEMANDED. IF HE FLEW TO KIGOMA MONDAY MORNING, HE COULD CROSS LAKE IMMEDIATELY IN ABOUT THREE HOURS AND THE STUDENTS WOULD BE SAFELY BACK IN KIGOMA THAT SAME NIGHT. WE THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY MORNIG.

5. WHILE WE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT PRP WOULD ACCEPT PARENTS' OFFER, HUNTER FEELS (AND WE AGREE) THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE DELAY INVOLVED POSES FAR TOO GREAT A RISK. HUNTER IS, THEREFORE, PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL 200,000 POUNDS AND WILL SO TELL NONDO TOMORROW MORNING, EXPLAINING THAT A NEW AND SPECIAL LOAN HAS BEEN OBTAINED SO THAT PARENTS CAN HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BACK RIGHT AWAY.

6. WE ARE LINING UP AIR CHARTER AND URGENTLY CONTACTING FONOFF TO ARRANGE SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR FLIGHT AND AT KIGOMA (AND WILL VERIFY THAT KIGOMA AUTHORITIES HAVE RECEIVED PROPER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PLANE LEAVES.). PLANE WILL LEAVE AS EARLY AS  
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POSSIBLE TOMORROW MORNING, AND WILL SEEK SEND OFF BOAT (MISSIONARY MARROW'S BOAT DRIVEN BY TANZANIAN PARISHONER) WITH EMISSARIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO FETCH STUDENTS AND BRING THEM BACK FOR EXCHANGE AT SOME POINT (STILL TO BE AGREED ON) AT KIGOMA. WE DO NOT YET KNOW PRP'S SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE, BUT WILL TAKE DUE PRECAUTIONS PREVENT FUNNY BUSINESS ON THEIR PART.  
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